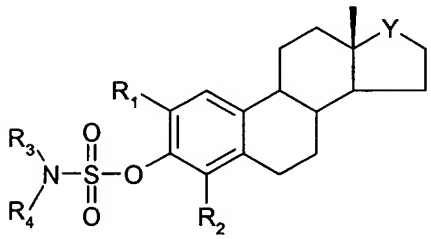
IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV



wherein

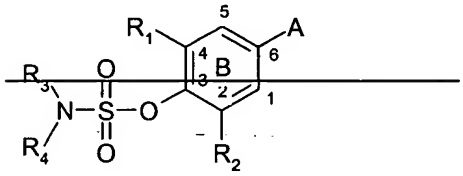
R_1 and/or R_2 is a substituent other than H; wherein R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different but not both being H;

each of R_3 and R_4 is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R_3 and R_4 is H; and

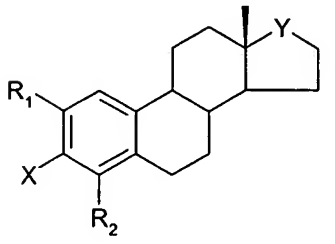
Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

2. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula ~~II~~ IV;

Formula II



~~**Formula IV**~~



wherein

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R_1 and optionally R_2 is a substituent other than H; wherein R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S

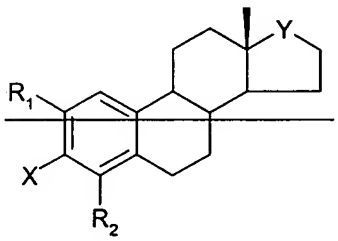
~~each of R_3 and R_4 is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R_3 and R_4 is H; and~~

~~group A and ring B together are capable of mimicking the A and B rings of oestrone; and~~

~~group A is additionally attached to the carbon atom at position 1 of the ring B~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein ~~the compound has the Formula IV;~~

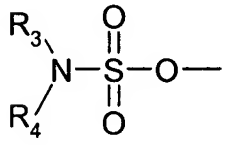
~~Formula IV~~



~~wherein X is a sulphamate group; R_1 and/or R_2 is a substituent other than H; wherein R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different but not both being H; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group~~

the sulphamate group has the Formula III;

Formula III



wherein each of R_3 and R_4 is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, or together represent alkylene optionally containing one or more hetero atoms or groups in the alkylene chain.

4. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R_3 and R_4 is H.

5. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim ~~2~~ 3 wherein at least one of R_3 and R_4 is H.

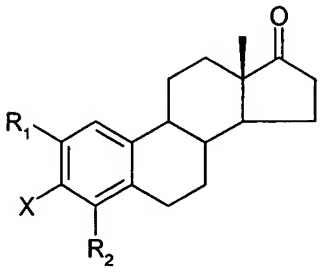
6. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_3 and R_4 is H.

7. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein each of R_3 and R_4 is H.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

10. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the Formula V;



Formula V

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R_1 and optionally R_2 is a substituent other than H; and wherein R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different.

11. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

12. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group, and

R_2 is selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

13. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, substituted C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

14. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, substituted C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, substituted C_{1-6} cycloalkyl, substituted C_{1-6} alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

15. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

16. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

17. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, NO_2, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

18. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, NO_2, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, NO_2, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

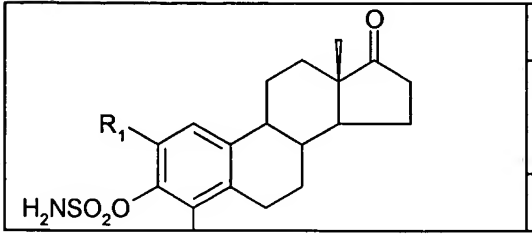
19. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C_3 alkyl, C_3 alkenyl, NO_2, or H_3CO.

20. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C_3 alkyl, C_3 alkenyl, NO_2, or H_3CO, and

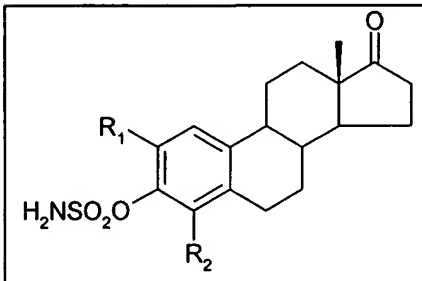
R_2 is selected from H, C_3 alkyl, C_3 alkenyl, NO_2, or H_3CO.

21. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is any one of the Formulae VI - IX.

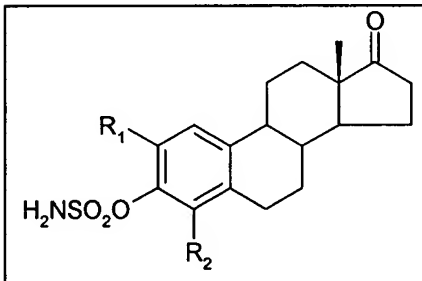


	R_1	R_2	Formula
a)	n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$	H	VI
b)	H	n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$	

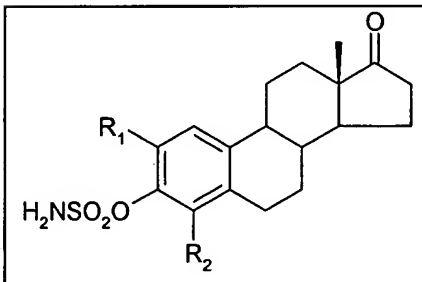
	c)	n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$	n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$	



	R_1	R_2	Formula
a)	-$CH_2CH=CH_2$	H	VII
b)	H	-$CH_2CH=CH_2$	
c)	-$CH_2CH=CH_2$	-$CH_2CH=CH_2$	



	R_1	R_2	Formula
a)	H_3CO-	H	VIII
b)	H	H_3CO-	
c)	H_3CO-	H_3CO-	



	R_1	R_2	Formula
a)	-NO_2	H	IX
b)	H	-NO_2	
c)	-NO_2	-NO_2	

22. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

23. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more methoxy substituents.

24. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is an alkoxy group.

25. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is an alkoxy group.

26. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is a methoxy group.

27. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is a methoxy group.

28. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

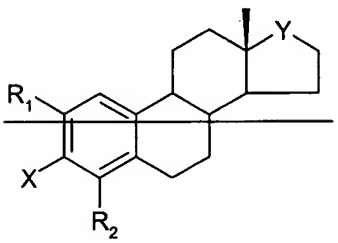
29. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

30. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

31. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any one of claims 1-2 ~~having Formula IV;~~

~~Formula IV~~



~~wherein X is a sulphamate group; R_1 and/or R_2 is a substituent other than H; wherein R_1 and R_2 may be the same or different but not both being H; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group~~.

33-64. (Canceled)

65. (New) A method of inhibiting and/or treating breast cancer comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-31.

66. (New) A method of inhibiting and/or treating endocrine-dependent cancers comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1 or 2.